Mr. M. N. Paramesvaran Pillai (*Municipal Councils*) : The next question being an important one, and as the member who has given notice of the same is absent, I request the permission of the Chair to ask the Official member to answer it.

Mr. S. Adam Sait (*Nominated*) : Sir, I have received a letter from Mr. Hassan Sait allowing me to ask the question.

Secretary to the Council : No letter has been received by me.

President : As the Secretary has told you, he has not received any letter allowing you to ask the question on his behalf. If you want to ask the question on his behalf, I have no objection to allow you to do so.

(*Mr. S. Adam Sait then put question No. 8 standing in the name of Mr. Jacob Hassan Sait.*)

Auctioning away of lands given as security for debts.

8. ***Mr. Jacob Hassan Sait** (*Commerce and Industry, North*) : Will the Government be pleased to state whether their attention has been drawn to the fact that parts of lands given as security for debts are very often auctioned away for small arrears of landtax without the knowledge of the creditors ?

Mr. A. Kumara Pillai : Lands given as security for debts are sometimes auctioned for arrears of tax due in respect of such lands, as Sirkar tax is the first charge. The sales are conducted after due publication of notification in the Gazette and locally and are not kept out of the knowledge of the creditors.

Opening a new road from the 12th mile of the Todupuzha Arakulam road to the Velliamattom Estate Road.

9. ***Mr. J. John Kattakayam** : Will the Government be pleased to state whether any petitions have been received from the public regarding the opening of a new road from the 12th mile of the Todupuzha-Arakulam road to the Todupuzha-Velliamattom road ?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott : Yes.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: ഇതിനെ സംബന്ധിച്ച വല്ല നടപടിയും നടത്തിയിട്ടുള്ളതായി അറിയാമൊ?

Mr G. B. E. Truscott: Yes.

Mr. J. John Kattakayam: അങ്ങനെ അപേക്ഷ അയച്ചിട്ട് എത്രനാളായി?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The application was recived by the Chief Engineer on 21-10-1933.

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